

## Nekoo, Hormuzdyar

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**From:** Chiquette, Benoit [DFAIT]  
**Sent:** October 3, 2018 12:59 PM  
**To:** Asokanathan, Viyasan  
**Subject:** Re: Safe Third interpretations

My understanding was

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Asokanathan, Viyasan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 3, 2018 12:06 PM  
**To:** Chiquette, Benoit -WSHDC -BF  
**Subject:** FW: Safe Third interpretations

Their response which strikes me a bit a vague –  
ways.

could be interpreted many

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**From:**  
**Sent:** October 2, 2018 1:49 PM  
**To:** Asokanathan, Viyasan  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re: Safe Third interpretations

Thanks Viyasan. Appreciate your efforts to help us out.

I'm still trying to get my hands on a report of the incident so I'll keep pushing and let you know once I have more details.

My understanding was that I but I am

still trying to get a firm confirmation of that.

Will keep you posted from here as I learn more.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2018, at 12:33 PM, Asokanathan, Viyasan <[Viyasan.Asokanathan@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](mailto:Viyasan.Asokanathan@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca)> wrote:

Hi

Sorry for the delay. I am currently looking into with colleagues here, I should have a full response to you by tomorrow, if that's ok with you?

Do you know if the

POE? Any additional details of the incident would be very helpful for me to work my channels here. I've cc'ed Melanie as I will be away on vacation upon her return. But I am hopeful we can resolve this before then!

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**From:**

**Sent:** October 2, 2018 9:28 AM

**To:** Asokanathan, Viyasan <[Viyasan.Asokanathan@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](mailto:Viyasan.Asokanathan@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca)>

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Safe Third interpretations

Hi Viyasan,

Just checking in to see if you were able to find out anything about CBSA's operational interpretation of  
under the Safe Third  
Country Agreement. The basis for my question comes in trying to understand \

under STCA. I suspect there may well be a  
so I'm just trying to get to the bottom of that so we can help explain  
the policy and keep the temperature low.  
I'm not looking to make a formal inquiry/request. And of course, we would not quote or attribute  
anything to you specifically or express any formal CBSA positions. We'd certainly keep any info at a very  
general & benign level...  
Thanks,

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**From:** Chiquette, Benoit [DFAIT]  
**Sent:** October 2, 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Asokanathan, Viyasan  
**Cc:** Larose, Charlene; Maisonneuve, Mélanie  
**Subject:** RE: Safe Third interpretations

**Importance:** High

Call me when you have a minute to discuss. We had a similar issue 6 months ago. It was discussed between CBSA QC Region, CBP OFO Executive Director here in Washington and myself. We all came to the conclusion that

Therefore, If we were to apply their interpretation

Benoît

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**From:** Asokanathan, Viyasan [mailto:Viyasan.Asokanathan@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** October-02-18 11:02 AM  
**To:** Chiquette, Benoît -WSHDC -BF  
**Cc:** Larose, Charlene; Maisonneuve, Mélanie  
**Subject:** FW: Safe Third interpretations

Benoît,

raised this issue when I spoke to them last week over coffee (MM was away, so it was just me). This is in reference to an incident at POEs last week.

I am aware of a recently issued operational bulletin that

Given you were previously RDG of Quebec Region, you might have some additional insight to this issue. My understanding is that

I said I would look into it for them, but did not say anything else as. I want to tread very carefully as this is not my area of expertise and I do not work in the region.

Your insight would be helpful.

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